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| Serial No.<br>10/655,175                | Filing Date<br>September 3, 2003 | Examiner<br>pending | Group Art Unit<br>pending       |
| Inventor(s)<br>Glenn E. Tomford, et al. |                                  |                     |                                 |
| Title of Invention<br>AIRBAG BRACKET    |                                  |                     |                                 |

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

| Patent No.   | Date of Issue Date<br>or Publication Date | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 5,425,549    | June 20, 1995                             | Oda                         |
| 5,489,116    | February 6, 1996                          | Boag                        |
| 5,511,819    | April 30, 1996                            | Spilker et al.              |
| 5,700,028    | December 23, 1997                         | Logan et al.                |
| 5,700,029    | December 23, 1997                         | Enders                      |
| 5,979,929    | November 9, 1999                          | Stanger et al.              |
| 6,173,988 B1 | January 16, 2001                          | Igawa                       |
| 6,286,858 B1 | September 11, 2001                        | Shepherd et al.             |
| 6,299,198 B1 | October 9, 2001                           | Nakashima et al.            |
| 6,312,088 B1 | November 6, 2001                          | Neag                        |
| 6,523,878 B2 | February 25, 2003                         | Scheidel                    |

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's

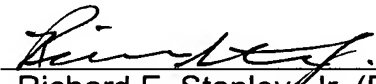
consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

  
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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)  
Copies of listed references



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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL |     | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE     | NAME             | CLASS/<br>SUBCLASS | FILING<br>DATE |
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|                     | A1  | 5,425,549          | 06/20/95 | Oda              | 280/728.2          | 3/94           |
|                     | A2  | 5,489,116          | 02/06/96 | Boag             | 280/728.2          | 12/94          |
|                     | A3  | 5,511,819          | 04/30/96 | Spilker et al.   | 280/728.2          | 3/95           |
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